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RESOURCES

7 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TWITTER

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This article answers questions about Twitter such as Who's doing it? Why is it significant?

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK: TWITTER FOR TEACHERS

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This webcast talks about Professional Learning Networks with an emphasis on Twitter. Learn how to get started by signing up for an account and create your own community based on your professional and personal interests.

The Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning (ABEL) program is a proven job-embedded professional learning service that enhances teaching practice and improves student achievement. This is achieved through a research-based approach to building collaborative learning communities, implementing blended learning environments for classrooms, schools and districts, using interactive web-based learning resources, developing sustainable inter-jurisdictional and inter-institutional collaboration and understanding institutional change. For more information about ABEL, please visit www.abelearn.ca.

THE BASICS

TWITTER IN EDUCATION

According to Educause, Twitter can act as a "virtual water cooler" for colleagues who do not live in the same geographical area. It can also be used during conferences for delegates to discuss information sessions and speakers together.

Students can use Twitter to foster interaction and share information about topics discussed in class.

WHAT IS TWITTER?

Twitter (www.twitter.com) is a real-time information network that connects you to the latest information about what you find interesting.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

At the heart of Twitter are small bursts of information called tweets. Each Tweet is 140 characters in length. You can think of a tweet as the headline, and use the details pane to tell the rest with photos, videos and other media content. Unless your tweets are protected they appear on a "public timeline" page, which displays all public tweets in reverse chronological order, like a series of "micro-blogs".

GETTING STARTED

To create a Twitter account, please visit www.twitter.com and fill out the "New to Twitter?" fields to create your account. Some people feel more comfortable using their personal email accounts (ie. Gmail, Hotmail) instead of their professional ones.

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